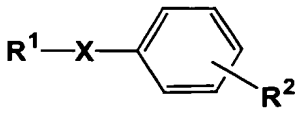
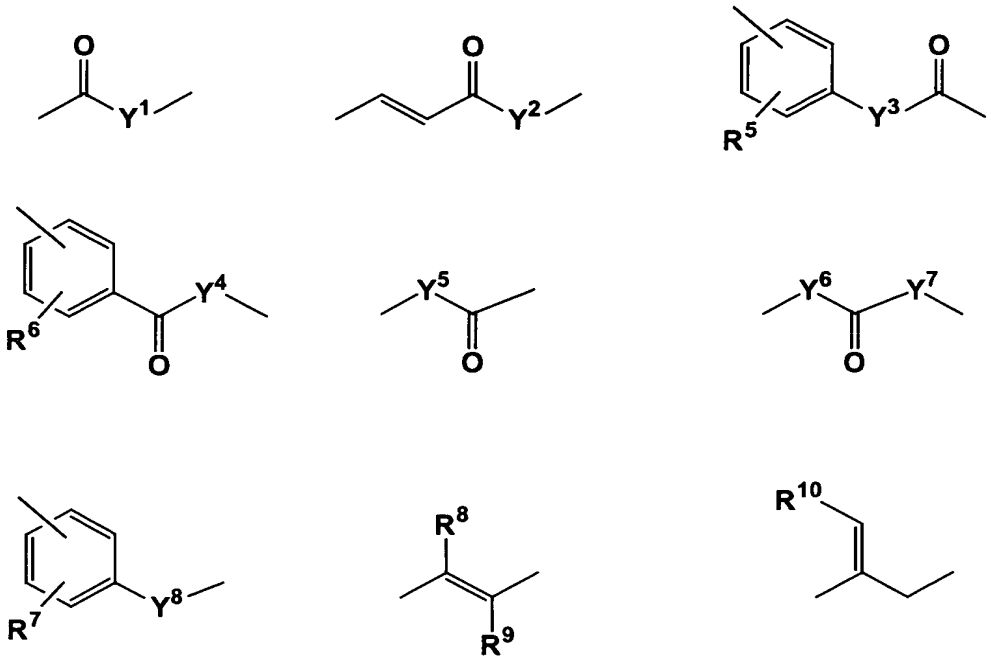
What is claimed is:

1. A medicament comprising as an active ingredient a compound or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof represented by the following general formula (I) :



wherein R^1 represents a dicarba-*closo*-dodecaboran-yl group which may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of a lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, carboxyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, amino group, hydroxyl group, a lower hydroxyalkyl group, a mono- or di-lower alkylcarbamoyl-substituted alkyl group, a lower alkanoyl group, an aryl group which may be substituted, and a lower aralkyl group which may be substituted; R^2 represents carboxyl group, a lower alkoxy carbonyl group, or hydroxyl group ; X represents a single bond or a linking group selected from the group consisting of the groups represented by the following formulas:



wherein, Y^1, Y^2, Y^3, Y^4, Y^5, Y^6, and Y^7 independently represent oxygen atom or -N(R^3)- wherein R^3 represents hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group; Y^8 represents oxygen atom, -N(R^4)- wherein R^4 represents hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, -CO-, -CH_2-, or -C(=CH_2)-; R^5, R^6, and R^7 independently represents hydrogen atom or one or more substituents on the phenyl group; R^8 represents a lower alkyl group or an aryl group which may be substituted, R^9 represents a lower alkyl group, and R^{10} represents an aryl group which may be substituted.

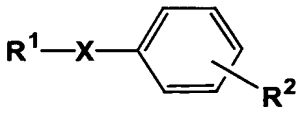
2. The medicament according to claim 1 comprising as an active ingredient the compound or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof represented by the formula (I) wherein R^1 is a dicarba-*closo*-dodecaboran-yl group which may have a lower alkyl group, R^2 is carboxyl group or a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, and X is the above-defined linking group.

3. The medicament according to claim 1 comprising as an active ingredient the compound or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof represented by the formula (I) wherein R^1 is a dicarba-*closo*-dodecaboran-yl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, carboxyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, amino group, hydroxyl group, a lower hydroxyalkyl group, a lower alkanoyl group, a phenyl group which may be substituted,

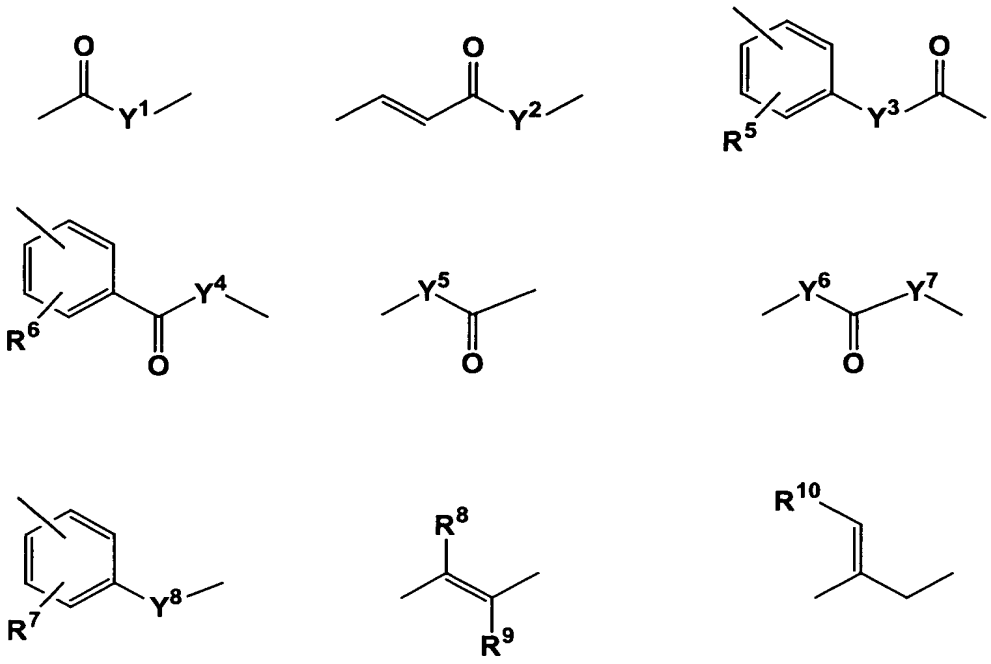
hydroxyphenyl group, and a lower alkoxyphenyl group, R^2 is hydroxyl group, and X is a single bond.

4. A medicament comprising a compound having a dicarba-*closo*-dodeca-boran-yl group as a hydrophobic pharmacophore.

5. A compound or a salt thereof represented by the following general formula (I) :



wherein R^1 represents a dicarba-*closo*-dodecaboran-yl group which may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of a lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, carboxyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, amino group, hydroxyl group, a lower hydroxyalkyl group, a mono or di-lower alkylcarbamoyl-substituted alkyl group, a lower alkanoyl group, an aryl group which may be substituted, and a lower aralkyl group which may be substituted; R^2 represents carboxyl group, a lower alkoxy carbonyl group, or hydroxyl group; X represents a single bond or a linking group selected from the group consisting of the groups represented by the following formulas ;



wherein, Y^1, Y^2, Y^3, Y^4, Y^5, Y^6, and Y^7 independently represents oxygen atom or -N(R^3)- wherein R^3 represents hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group; Y^8 represents oxygen atom, -N(R^4)- wherein R^4 represents hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, -CO-, -CH_2-, or -C(=CH_2)-; R^5, R^6, and R^7 independently represents hydrogen atom or one or more substituents on the phenyl group, R^8 represents a lower alkyl group or an aryl group which may be substituted; R^9 represents a lower alkyl group; and R^{10} represents an aryl group which may be substituted,

provided that when X is a single bond,

the compound wherein R^1 is unsubstituted dicarba-*closo*-dodecaboran-yl group and R^2 is hydroxyl group, and

the compound wherein R^1 is dicarba-*closo*-dodecaboran-yl group substituted with p-hydroxyphenyl group and R^2 is hydroxyl group

are excluded.

6. The compound or a salt thereof according to claim 5, wherein R^1 is a dicarba-*closo*-dodecaboran-yl group which may have a lower alkyl, R^2 is carboxyl group or a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, and X is the above-defined linking group.

7. The compound or a salt thereof according to claim 5, wherein R^1 is a dicarba-*closo*-dodecaboran-yl group which may have a substituent selected from the

group consisting of a lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, carboxyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, amino group, hydroxyl group a lower hydroxyalkyl group, a lower alkanoyl group, a phenyl group which may be substituted, hydroxyphenyl group, and a lower alkoxyphenyl group, R^2 is hydroxyl group, and X is a single bond.